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[Wynne]

Farm Family of the WeekTIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.BY Howard LangfittDATE Fri. April 29, 1960

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1
FAMILYSLIDE FARM-2
HOUSE

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO MR. W.R. SULLIVAN, THE COUNTY AGENT OF HOLMES COUNTY, FOR HIS VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND ALSO THANKS TO HIM AND TO MRS. GEORGE FRIZELL, THE ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, FOR GOING WITH ME TO THIS FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE D. WYNNE AND TWO THEIR ONE SON AND ~~THREE~~ DAUGHTERS WHO LIVE IN THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY OF HOLMES COUNTY, ABOUT FIVE MILES NORTHWEST OF PICKENS, WHERE THEY OWN 642 ACRES OF LAND AND FARM A TOTAL OF 2,500 ACRES THIS IS A FATHER SON OPERATION. GEORGE WYNNE, JUNIOR, SHOWN IN THE PICTURE WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, IS FARMING WITH HIS FATHER, THOUGH HE IS NOT A PARTNER IN THE OPERATION. HE HAS JUST RECENTLY RETURNED TO FARMING AND HIS FATHER IS LETTING HIM TAKE HIS TIME TO DETERMINE IF HE REALLY WANTS TO MAKE FARMING HIS WAY OF LIFE, AND THEN AS GEORGE WYNNE SAYS, HE'S GOING TO PUT THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROGRAM ON HIS SHOULDERS THIS IS THE VERY LOVELY WYNNE HOME. IT IS THE FOURTH HOME WHICH GEORGE HAS BUILT. GEORGE WYNNE AND HIS LOVELY WIFE GREW UP IN THIS SAME COMMUNITY OF HOLMES COUNTY AND PLAYED TOGETHER AS CHILDREN.

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SLIDE FARM-3
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-4
PATIO

SLIDE FARM-5
HOUSE

THEY WERE MARRIED ON NOVEMBER 24, 1935. GEORGE SAYS AT THE TIME OF THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE WAS 21 AND WHEN ASKED WHAT THEY HAD TO START MARRIED LIFE WITH HE SAID THEY HAD LOTS OF LOVE AND ONE ANOTHER...THEN HE SAYS, SERIOUSLY, WE HAD A MULE, A BUSHEL OF CORN AND I WAS \$500 IN DEBT. GEORGE SAYS IT WASN'T THAT MY FATHER COULDN'T AND WOULDN HAVE HELPED ME, IT WAS JUST THAT I INSISTED ON DOING IT ALL BY MYSELF. NOW, TO GET BACK TO THOSE FOUR HOMES....THE ONE GEORGE BUILT WHEN HE MARRIED BURNED TO THE GROUND WHEN JUNION WAS THREE YEARS OLD. THEY HAD JUST FINISHED REMODELING IT...SO, IN ORDER TO HAVE A PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE, GEORGE WITH THE HELP OF THE LABOR ON THE PLACE, BUILT THE SECOND HOUSE USING LUMBER OFF THE PLACE AND THEY LIVED IN IT EIGHT TO TEN YEARS. THEN, WANTING A BETTER HOME FOR HIS FAMILY, GEORGE WYNNE, BUILT A THIRD HOME OF CONCRETE BLOCKS. HE DIDN'T LIKE IT, SO IN 1951 HE TORE IT DOWN AND TODAY THE FOUNDATION OF THAT HOUSE SERVES AS THE FAMILY PATIO, SURROUNDED BY ROSE BEDS. IT JOINS THEIR PRESENT HOME AND MAKES AN IDEAL PATIO ARRANGEMENT FOR THEIR LOVELY HOME WHICH THEY BUILT IN 1951. WHEN GEORGE WYNNE MARRIED HE WAS RENTING LAND IN THE COMMUNITY. HE BOUGHT HIS FIRST LAND...140 ACRES...IN 1936. IT WAS ROUGH LAND....HAD BEEN

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SLIDE <u>FARM-6</u> COTTON	PATCH FARMED AND LET GROW UP TO BUSHES AND BRIAR. GEORGE STARTED WITH A FEW CATTLE AND COTTON AND CORN. TODAY HIS FARM ENTERPRISES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME EXCEPT THAT GEORGE WYNNE HAS CHANGED THE EMPHASIS...IT USED TO BE ON COTTON....NOW IT IS ON CATTLE. GEORGE WYNNE STILL RAISES COTTON, THOUGHT, 260 ACRES OF IT WHICH HE HANDEES WITH DAY LABOR ON THE PLACE. HE PAYS THE TRACTOR DRIVERS BY THE MONTH AND FURNISHES THEM A HOUSE TO LIVE IN. GEORGE PLANTS BLUE TAG SEED OR BREEDER SEED EACH YEAR AND HIS AVERAGE YIELD IS ABOUT A BALE AND A THIRD TO THE ACRE. HE FOLLOWS A COMPLETE COTTON INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM AND SEEKS AND FOLLOWS THE ADVICE OF COUNTY AGENT W.R. SULLIVAN. HERE WE SEE THEM CHECKING FOR THRIPS IN THE SEEDLING COTTON WHICH IS UP TO A GOOD
SLIDE <u>FARM-7</u> COTTON	STAND. THERE ARE 11 FAMILIES LIVING ON THE PLACE WHICH GEORGE HIRES AS DAY LABOR. HE PICKS HIS COTTON BOTH BY HAND AND WITH HIS MECHANICAL PICKER. THOUGH GEORGE WYNNE PLANS TO KONTINUE HIS PRESENT PROGRAM AND IMPROVE IT AS HE GOES ALONG, HE MAY ONE DAY QUIT RAISING COTTON AND
SLIDE <u>FARM-8</u> COTTON PICKER	TURN ENTIRELY TO GRAIN AND CATTLE. GEORGE RAISES 250 ACRES OF OATS FOR GRAIN. HE HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR 8-10 YEARS. HE USED TO GROW WHEAT BUT
SLIDE <u>FARM-9</u> OAT FIELD	QUIT THAT WHEN ALLOTMENTS WENT INTO EFFECT.

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SLIDE <u>FARM-10</u> GRAIN BINS	GEORGE STORES HIS GRAIN ON THE FARM AND WAITS FOR THE BEST MARKET. THESE BIG BINS MAKE FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE KIND OF GRAIN STORAGE FOR GEORGE WYNNE. HE ALSO LETS THE BALER FOLLOW THE COMBINE AND BALE UP THE OAT STRAW FOR USE IN AN EMERGENCY WHILE THE GRAIN IS IN THE BIN GEORGE DRIES IT TO BEST STORING QUALITY BY USE OF THIS DRYER SYSTEM OF FORCED AIR. THE HEAT IS SUPPLIED BY GAS BURNER IN THE DRYER, AND IS FORCED THROUGH THE GRAIN BY AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED FAN. THIS HAS BEEN HIS STORAGE OPERATION FOR THE PAST 5-6 YEARS. SOME YEARS GEORGE RAISES MILO FOR GRAIN. YEAR BEFORE LAST HE SAVED 175 TONS, AND SOLD IT FOR FEED.
SLIDE <u>FARM-11</u> DRIER	GEORGE D. WYNNE IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER AND HAS NINE TRACTORS, TWO OF THEM DIESEL. HE SAYS HE RUNS THEM BOTH AS CHEAPLY AS ONE ON GASOLINE AND PLANS TO GO ALL DIESEL. GEORGE USES A LOT OF FERTILIZER AND BREAKS HIS LAND, FERTILIZES AND PLANTS RIGHT BEHIND IT ALL IN ONE OPERATION. HE HAS 175 ACRES IN CORN...PLANTS A HYBRID AND GETS A YIELD OF 60 TO 70 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. HE PUTS UP MORE FEED THAN HE NEEDS AND SELLS THE SURPLUS GEORGE WYNNE GROWS ALL HIS FEED AND SAYS HE HAS NEVER BOUGHT A BUSHEL OF CORN IN HIS LIFE. HE ALSO PUTS OUT 70 ACRES IN SORGHUM FOR SILAGE FOR HIS CATTLE. HE HAS TWO TRENCH SILOS THAT HOLD 600 TO
SLIDE <u>FARM-12</u> TRACTORS	
SLIDE <u>FARM-13</u> MEN & TRACTORS	

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SLIDE FARM-14
FARM SHOP

SLIDE FARM-15
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-16
CATTLE

700 TONS. HE FILLS THEM EVERY YEAR AND TRIES ALWAYS TO HAVE A SURPLUS OF SILAGE. HE FEEDS IT IN THE WINTER ALONG WITH SALT AND COTTONSEED MEAL. GEORGE USED TO PUT UP HAY BUT HASN'T THE PAST YEAR OR TWO BECAUSE HE HASN'T NEEDED IT. IMPROVE PASTURES AND SILAGE HAVE REPLACED IT. GEORGE AND HIS SON MAINTAIN THEIR VALUABLE MACHINERY IN THEIR WELL EQUIPPED FARM SHOP. AT ONE TIME GEORGE RAN A STORE AT THE FARM AND DID A LOT OF FURNISH IN THE AREA BUT HE QUIT IN 1954 AND NOW WHAT WAS ONCE THE STORE IS HSI FARM WORKSHOP. THEY DO ALL THEIR OWN REPAIR, EXCEPT OF COURSE, MAJOR OVERHAUL. BY THE WAY, JUNIOR IS A GRADUATE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE IN EDUCATION. NOW, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT GEORGE WINN'E CATTLE PROGRAM. HE START WITH ONE OR TWO COWS AND NOW HAS 500 BROOD COWS. WHILE HE FOLLOWS A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM SELLING THE BULK OF HIS CALVES MILK FAT OFF THE COW, HE SELLS THE LATE ONES AFTER FEEDING THEM THROUGH THE WINTER. EACH FALL HE ALSO BUYS 200 TO 300 HEAD OF STEERS TO CARRY ON OATS AND GRAIN. HE SELLS THEM IN THE SPRING WHEN THE MARKET IS AT ITS PEAK. HE HAS A GOOD HERD THOUGH IT IS MOSTLY GRADE. HE RUNS 110 HEAD OF BLACK ANGUS SEPERATE FROM THE OTHER HEREFORD CATTLE. GEORGE HAS 17 REALLY TOP QUALITY REGISTERED ANGUS AND

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SLIDE FARM-17
COW & CALF

SLIDE FARM-18
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-19
PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-20
EROSION

SLIDE FARM-21

HEREFORD BULLS. HE WOULD LIKE EVENTUALLY TO INCREASE THE HERD TO 1,000 GOOD BROOD COWS. HIS PRESENT PASTURE PROGRAM COULD HANDLE 150 HEAD MORE THAN AT PRESENT. GEORGE PLANS TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL LAND NEXT YEAR. PARASITE AND INSECT CONTROL IS BY SPRAYING FORU TO FIVE TIMES A YEAR AND BY USING BACKRUBS IN THEPASTURES. GEORGE WYNNE HAS 7 OR 8 PASTURE AREAS AND PERMANENT PASTURE TOTALS ABOUT 1750 ACRES OF LESPEDEZA, CARPET, DALLIS AND BERMUDA GRASS AND WHITE BUTCH CLOVER. HE CLIPS HIS PASTURES AND LIMES THEM. TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTS OF THE 250 ACRES OF OATS AND ANOTHER 50 ACRES IN RYE GRASS AND CRIMS CLOVER WHICH YOU SEE HERE. MOST ANYONE WILL TELL YOU GEORGE WYNNE HAS WORKED WONDERS WITH THIS LAND. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU COULD HIDE A HOUSE IN SOME OF THE GULLIES IN THIS FIELD. IN FACT HERE IS ONE WHICH HE DAMED UP AND LEFT AS REMINDER OF WHAT ONCE WAS AND WHAT COULD BE AGAIN WITHOUT PROPER ATTENTION AND CARE. THIS ONE SPOT IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT FIELD OF RYE GRASS AND CRIMSON CLOVER. GEORGE HAS CLEARED SOME 500 ACRES OF LAND IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. HE HAS FILLED IN GULLIES AND PUSHED OUT THICKETS THIS WAS ONCE A WOODED AREA AND YOU COULDN'T FIND A COW IN IT. WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK IS

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SLIDE FARM-22
FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-23
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-24
TWO WOMEN

SUPPLIED FROM LAKES SIMILAR TO THIS ONE AND FROM RUNNING CREEKS THROUGH ALL THE PASTURES. GEORGE WYNNE IS ALSO IN THE CYPRUSS CREEK AND TACKETT CREEK WATERSHEDS AND THEY HOPE TO GET THE TACKETT CREEK CONTRACTS LET THIS SUMMER. HE HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN THE EXTENSION SERVICE BALANCED FARM AND HOEM PROGRAM SINCE IT'S VERY BEGINNING IN THE COUNTY. HE HAS HAD THE HELP AND ADVICE OF ASSOCI. COUNTY AGENTS, JIM GOODMAN, DAVID MITCHELL AND W.H. HAMBERLIN IN THIS PROGRAM. MRS. WYNNE HAS HAD THE ASSISTANCE OF MRS. GEORGE FRIZELL IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPING HER HOMEMAKING PROGRAM. SHE CARRIES ON AN EXCELLENT HOMEMAKING PROGRAM. FROM THEIR ACRE OF GARDEN AND MEAT SUPPLY SHE EACH YEAR FREEZES ABOUT 2,500 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE FAMILY'S NEEDS. SHE HAS QUIT MOST OF THE CANNING IN JARS EXCEPT FOR PICKLES, ~~HAMES~~ AND JELLIES AND SO FORTH. WHEN I ASKED MRS. WYNNE IF SHE LIKED TO COOK SHE SAID SHE HAD BETTER BECAUSE SHE'S GOT IT TO DO. THEN SHE QUICKLY ADDED THAT THE GIRLS WERE A BIG HELP. FAYE HELPS WITH THE COOKING AND PATSY SAYS THEY WON'T EAT HER COOKING BUT I RATHER IMAGINE SHE WAS DOING A LITTLE KIDDING. BOTH GIRLS ARE LEARNING TO SEW AND COOK IN HOME ECONOMICS IN SCHOOL. HERE WE SEE MRS. FRIZELL,

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SLIDE FARM-25
GIRLS

SLIDE FARM-26
GIRLS

THE ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, SEATED AT THE KITCHEN TABLE WITH MRS. WYNNE, PLANNING SOME OF THEIR FUTURE HOMEMAKING WORK. BACK WHEN THEY WERE RUNNING THE STORE MRS. WYNNE DID MUCH OF THAT WORK WHILE GEORGE CARRIED ON THE FARM PROGRAM. NOW, IF YOU EVER WANT TO MEET TWO REAL LITTLE CHARMERS, HERE THEY ARE WITH THEIR MOTHER.... 16 YEAR OLD FAYE AND 15...WELL ALMOST 15 YEAR OLD PATSY...SUNDAY'S THE DAY, I THINK. I NEVER SAW TWO YOUNG LADIES THAT I THOUGHT ENJOYED LIVING ANY MORE, THAN THESE TWO. THEY ARE FRIENDLY, WITTY AND FULL OF GOOD HUMOR AND FUN. THEY TELL ME THEY KEEP THE HOUSE CLEAN AND HELP WITH THE DISHES...AND SOMEHOW OR OTHER PATSY ALWAYS ENDED THAT STATEMENT WITH ...SOMETIMES. THEY ARE , I THINK TYPICAL TEEN AGE GIRLS THEY LOVE ROCK AND ROLL AND HAVE THEIR FAVORITE PIN-ups...AND THEY ARE SERIOUS WHEN THE NEED ARISES. THEY BOTH PLAY THE PIANO AND FAYE SINGS IN THE HOLMES JUNIOR COLLEGE CHOIR. EACH OF THE WYNNE YOUNGSTERS, IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SCHOOL DAYS HAS BEEN NAMED MOST FRIENDLY IN THEIR CLASS. PATSY IS VICE PRESIDENT OF HER CLASS. THEY BOTH ATTEND SCHOOL AT GOODMAN. JUNIOR WYNNE IS MARRIED TO A VERY CHARMING YOUNG LADY FROM DURANT AND THEY LIVE IN PICKENS. THEY MET ON A BLIND DATE

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

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AND AFTER JUNIOR'S LOVELY WIFE ATTENDED STATE WITH HIM HAS LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL, THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1957. THEY HAVE ONE YOUNGSTER, THREE MONTH OLD DAVID. MRS. AND MRS. GEORGE WYNNE AND FAMILY BELONG TO THE PICKENS BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE GEORGE IS A DEACON AND ASSISTANT TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR AND WHERE MRS. WYNNE TEACHES THE PRIMARY CLASS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND THE JUNIOR TAINING UNION AT NIGHT. AND IS ACTIVE IN W.M.U. GEORGE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOLMES COUNTY FARM BUREAU, BOARD MEMBER OF THE FARM AND GIN WAREHOUSE COMPANY, A COMMISSIONER OF THE TACKETT CREEK WATERSHED, PRESIDENT OF THE HOLMES COUNTY HERALD IN LEXINGTON AND AN A.S.C. COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMAN. BOTH FAYE AND PATSY ARE MEMBERS OF THE F.H.A. AND FAYE IS SERETARY OF THE ORGANIZATION. THERE'S SO MUCH I COULD TELL ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY BUT YOU WOULDN'T GET TO MEET THEM AT ALL IF I DID, SO LET'S VISIT WITH MR. AND MRS. GEORGE D. WYNNE AND THEIR FAMIL IN THE TIME THAT REMAINS.

1. HOW DOES COTTON PRODUCTION DIFFER TODAY FROM WHAT YOU DID IN 1936?
2. WHAT METHOD HAVE YOU USED IN BUILDING YOUR HERD?
3. do you plan any changes/

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4. MRS. WYNNE, WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR HOME?
5. WHAT HAS HELPED YOU MOST IN YOUR PROGRAM?
6. TELL US ABOUT THE PICNIC AREA YOU HAVE AT THE FARM.
7. PATSY & FAYE, DO YOU CONSIDER LIVING ON A FARM TO BE A HANDICAP?
8. DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL?
9. JUNIOR, DO YOU THINK FARMING IS THE THING YOU WANT TO DO ALL YOUR LIFE?
10. MRS. WYNNE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUNG FOLKS STARTING OUT THE WAY YOU HAVE...GOING TO COLLEGE TOGETHER ETC.
11. WHAT ARE HOBBIES OF FAMILY?